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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: BARTON GROUP AND DRAFTING
GROUP MEETINGS, FEB 23

1. MACHINERY. NORWEGIAN REP (VAERNO) REPORTED
SMALL DRAFTING GROUP ON MACHINERY WAS NOT ENGAGED IN
DRAFTING BUT WAS SIMPLY LISTING IN BRACKETS PROPOSED
LANGUAGE OF EACH GROUP. FRG REP (SCHLAICH) POINTED
OUT NON-ALIGNED HAD APPARENTLY EMBRACED INDIAN PROPOSAL
WITH RESPECT TO NEED FOR A NEW UN DELIBERATIVE BODY
ON DISARMAMENT, SINCE THEY HAD INSERTED LANGUAGE TO
THAT EFFECT IN THE MACHINERY TEXT.

2. DOCUMENTS. NOTING THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE A
GROWING CONSENSUS THAT THERE WOULD BE A SINGLE SSOD
DOCUMENT, USREP (WEILER) ASKED WHETHER SINGLE DOCUMENT
WAS DESIRABLE AND IF THIS LINE PURSUED HOW WOULD THIS
RELATE TO FACT SSOD AGENDA HAD SEPARATE ITEMS ON
DECLARATION, PROGRAM, AND MACHINERY. FRG AND UK (ASHE)
REPS EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR SINGLE DOCUMENT ON GROUNDS
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IT WOULD INCREASE WESTERN NEGOTIATING LEVERAGE AND
WOULD MAKE BETTER IMPRINT ON PUBLIC OPINION THAN THREE
SEPARATE DOCUMENTS. SAYING THAT IF THERE WERE THREE
SEPARATE DOCUMENTS STATES MIGHT MORE EASILY DISASSOCIATE
THEMSELVES FROM CERTAIN PARTS OF THE SSOD TEXTS,
JAPANESE REP (OGISO) SAID IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR
WEST TO DECIDE IT PREFERRED SINGLE DOCUMENT. CANADIAN

REP (JAY) NOTED THAT AT THIS STAGE ONLY SOVIET BLOC APPEARED TO PREFER SEPARATE DOCUMENTS RATHER THAN A SINGLE ONE, AND SAID THAT PRESENT STRUCTURE OF AGENDA DID NOT PRECLUDE ADOPTION OF SINGLE DOCUMENT. UKDEL (KENYON) REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY ASYG BJORNERSTEDT THAT WHILE NON-ALIGNED PREFERRED THAT DECLARATION AND PROGRAM BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, THEY WOULD NOT BE RELUCTANT TO HAVE MACHINERY SECTION COME TO A VOTE SINCE THEY VIEWED THIS AS A PROCEDURAL ISSUE AND ONE ON WHICH THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO MAKE PUBLIC THEIR POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES WITH THE WEST AND THE EAST.

3. FUTURE WORK. MOST IN GROUP THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE CHAIRMAN ORTIZ ATTEMPT TO DRAFT A STREAMLINED DECLARATION BEFORE OR DURING THE NEXT PREPCOM. BELGIAN DEL NOTED THAT ONE PROBLEM WAS THAT ORTIZ APPARENTLY DID NOT HAVE MUCH AUTONOMY FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, AND ACCORDINGLY WOULD PROBABLY PRODUCE A DOCUMENT HEAVILY SLANTED TO THE ARGENTINE POINT OF VIEW. CANADIAN REP AGREED BUT SAID THAT IF THIS DRAFTING EFFORT WERE POSTPONED UNTIL THE SSOD ITSELF, THE YUGOSLAV AS GA PRESIDENT WOULD BE THE LIKELY DRAFTER AND WOULD TILT THE DOCUMENT IN FAVOR OF YUGOSLAV VIEWS, WHICH WERE PROBABLY LESS SATISFACTORY.

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4. CANADIAN REP ALSO SAID THERE WAS AN INCREASING NEED FOR US AND USSR TO TAKE OVER LEADERSHIP IN PREPCOM V PARTICULARLY ON PROGRAM OF ACTION SINCE THEIR AGREEMENT TO ELEMENTS OF THE LATTER WERE CRUCIAL TO ITS SUCCESS. USREP SAID PROGRESS DID NOT DEPEND ONLY ON US AND USSR, BUT ON KEY NON-ALIGNED AS WELL SINCE THE PRIMARY GULF WAS NOT BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST BUT BETWEEN BOTH OF THEM ON THE ONE HAND AND THE NON-ALIGNED ON THE OTHER. HE SAID BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BY WESTERN STATES WITH KEY NON-ALIGNED, SUCH AS INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT. USREP ALSO POINTED OUT THAT USSR MAY NOT TAKE A FLEXIBLE POSITION UNTIL THE SSOD ITSELF, SINCE AT PRESENT THEY APPEAR TO WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR OWN POSITIONS.

5. WESTERN INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS
SEVERAL REPS SUGGESTED SSOD CONSULTATIONS AMONG BARTON GROUP MEMBERS AS A WHOLE WOULD BE USEFUL IN PERIOD BETWEEN THIS PREPCOM AND APRIL ONE, EITHER IN GENEVA OR NEW YORK.

6. DRAFTING GROUPS. SMALL DRAFTING GROUPS ON PROGRAM

OF ACTION AND ON MACHINERY CONTINUED WORK FEB 23 WITH A VIEW TO COMPLETING THEIR WORK BY EVENING OF FEB 23. EACH OF THESE GROUPS IS ENGAGED ESSENTIALLY IN COMPILING A LIST OF ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND GROUPS ON EVERY RELEVANT ITEM; ALL OF THIS LANGUAGE IS BRACKETED.

7. TIMING OF PREPCOM V. THE BUREAU WILL RECOMMEND TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AT ITS FEB 24 MEETING THAT PREPCOM V BEGIN ON TUESDAY APRIL 4 RATHER THAN APRIL 10 AS PREVIOUSLY DECIDED.

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